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Mark O'Key HR Manager for the Holiday Inn in Corby-Kettering A43 said he is really looking forward to working with the Connexions NEWS Team and becoming more engaged with local schools. He will provide support to Schools in the form of; Careers Fairs, Mock Interviews, Enterprise Days and Work Experience.

"We are passionate about supporting young people and helping them to gain a better understanding of the world of work and what our industry can offer. The Hospitality Industry requires young people to be personable, engaging and customer focused. I have very much enjoyed meeting and helping to shape the future workforce".

Safety comes first!

The Northampton Academy places in excess of 300 students on work experience each year. For students it is an opportunity to recognise and enhance their transferable skills.

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The Work Experience programme takes them through the process of looking for work, matching their skills to those required by the employer, applying and hopefully being accepted after an interview. Many of the school staff visit the students during their placement, teachers comment on the increased maturity of students but also how tired they are, or how they didn't realise how much work was involved in the job they are 'employed in'.

Connexions have personal knowledge of the employers they engage and are able to advise the school confidently. This ensures all students are able to participate in an experience that will challenge their capabilities, enhance their transferable skills and offer credibility for their all important CV.

Karen Betty

Skills for Life Co-ordinator
The Northampton Academy



LOVE YOUR JOB?

Connexions launch team to support employers

Connexions new team, Northamptonshire Education and Work Services (NEWS for short) is providing employers with a single place where they can find out about becoming involved in supporting our future workforce. Kerry Senatore, Manager of the NEWS Team said: "The team will be working closely with all the secondary schools in the county and will be able to co-ordinate the engagement of employers, providing employers with up to date knowledge of all the activities they can become involved with. Our existing teams including Work Experience and the Central Vacancy Unit

will fit into the new service."

How employers can have an impact

Employers play a crucial role in our young people's education. Establishing the Northamptonshire Education and Work Service (the NEWS Team) has made it easier for employers to become involved. There are many different ways employers can work with schools and colleges dependent on the preferences of both parties. NEWS can help match businesses, and schools, enabling the best partnerships to grow.

It is important for us to invest in our young children if we are to generate the skills we will need for the future. It's your time, expertise and passion for the industry you work in that schools really value. It is proven that learning related to the world of work can have the biggest impact!

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- Offering training or apprenticeships to young people who you employ will keep your workforce highly skilled.

FREE Recruitment!

The NEWS team can make it easy for you to recruit young people. They can take away the time and effort and advertising costs you just can't afford! Romy Behan of the NEWS Team said: "Through Connexions we are in touch with all young work seekers in the county. We will talk with the employer about their requirements, advise on training and funding available and match their specific vacancy to a pool of suitable applicants. This service is completely free of charge and we currently have over 1000 employers recruiting young people in this way each year." You can see the vacancies currently advertised at www.jobs4you2.org.uk

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The past week in Chronicle & Echo headlines

Jailed trafficker smuggled more than 100 illegal immigrants into the UK and wed his sister in a sham marriage



Selfless doctors who give up their free time to help paramedics at life-threatening accidents across Northamptonshire



Schools across the county are still fundraising to help the people of Haiti after the terrible earthquake there last month



Town siege gunman Snowy dies in prison

A GUNMAN who permanently paralysed his landlord during a shooting in Northampton has died in prison while serving a 20-year sentence for attempted murder.

Terry "Snowy" Marriott, aged 69, brought havoc to Watkin Terrace, in The Mounts, when he shot Derry Tew twice, leaving him permanently paralysed, in a dramatic siege in November 2003.

He also attacked locksmith Gregory MacKenzie in the double shooting before setting fire to his home then peacefully surrendering to police.

Marriott, a scaffolder, was jailed a year later for the attempted murder of his two victims, and was six years into a 20-year sentence when he fell ill last week.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice confirmed Marriott had died in hospital but did not reveal the cause of death.

He added an investigation was already under way and said: "On Wednesday, February 3, HMP Long Lartin prisoner Terry Marriott was taken to an outside hospital for treatment, but he was pronounced dead at 11pm on Saturday, February 6. The cause of death is unknown at present.

"As with all deaths in custody,



the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman will carry out an investigation."

Pensioner Ted Haddon lived next door to Marriott for more than 40 years and recalled the moments he spoke to his neighbour and took away his shotgun immediately after the shootings.

He said: "I heard the gunshots and saw him running down the street. He stopped and talked to me, and said he had just shot two people.

"He emptied all the cartridges out of the gun into the gutter, and handed it over to me. He was incredibly calm and then just waited for the police to turn up.

He said he thought he had killed them both."

Mr Haddon, aged 82, won a police bravery award for his actions during the terrifying siege. His son Don, aged 55, was the first person to alert the police on a frantic 999 call.

Don said: "We all saw him running down the street with the gun, but had no idea what he had done at that point. I just phoned the police straight away. If it hadn't been for Dad, he could have just carried on."

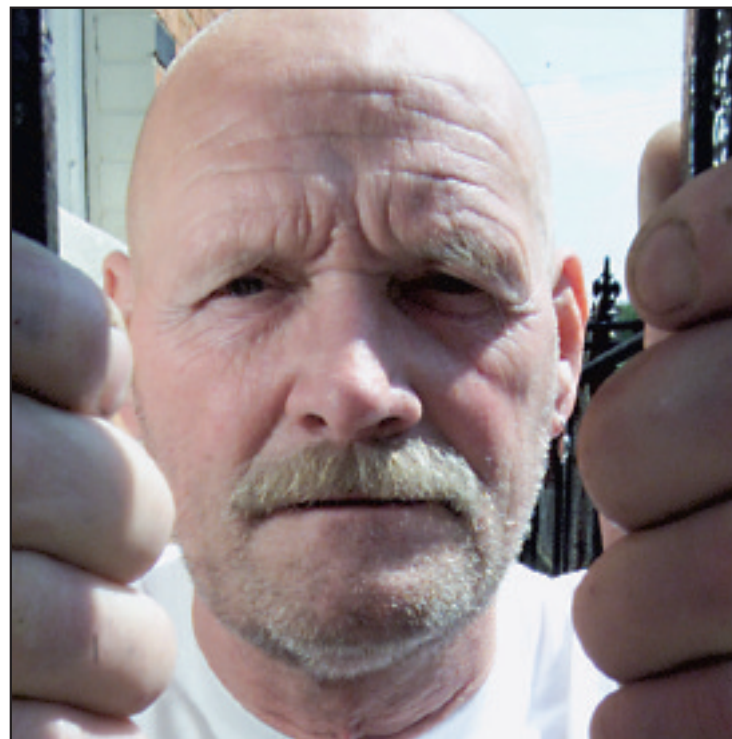
Reacting to the news of Marriott's death, Mr Haddon said: "I would be very surprised if he had harmed himself in any way. You wouldn't expect that of him.

"But I'm glad to know he won't be coming back here.

"The whole thing is probably better left forgotten now. Not many people still live in Watkin Terrace who will remember him because people come and go so often, but the few of us still here don't like to think about it."

Marriott was a well known character throughout The Mounts even before the shooting on November 10, 2003.

Ted Haddon said he was regarded as "a bit of a hard nut" but added no-one in Watkin Terrace had suffered any problems with their neighbour during the time he lived in the quiet cul-de-sac.



Terry 'Snowy' Marriott, who died aged 69, while serving a 20-year jail sentence for the attempted murder of two people in Northampton

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New bus depot is planned

MOVES by bus company Stagecoach to set up a new bus depot as a possible alternative to the Greyfriars station have been welcomed by council leaders.

The town centre bus station has been earmarked for demolition since the publication of plans to expand the Grosvenor Centre in 2000.

One of the factors believed to be holding up the move is the need for bus companies to find an alternative place to store their vehicles overnight.

But now, in what has been seen as a breakthrough for the scheme, Stagecoach has revealed plans to create a new depot at the former Widney Cabs site in Main Road, Far Cotton.

The leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor Brian Hoare (*Lib Dem, Abington*) said: "This is further evidence that we're making real progress on developing the town centre and the Grosvenor Centre project.

"We know the public are looking for signs the project is going to be delivered and this is the sort of development

which should encourage everybody."

In its plans for the Widney Cabs site, Stagecoach has said a total of 78 buses would be based at the new facility, with the majority leaving at 4am and returning by 1am.

Stagecoach spokesman Adam Rideout said: "Greyfriars bus station fulfils a number of functions for Stagecoach, the most important one being an enclosed, safe, single point of interchange for passengers to use buses in and out of the town.

"It also acts as an overnight depot facility for our buses in Northampton and the planning application would allow for a separate depot to be created.

"Discussions with the council are still ongoing with regard to the future of the bus station and how it could be replaced."

Stagecoach's plans will be discussed at a future meeting of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation.

The £300 million Grosvenor Centre scheme suggests the bus station would be demolished to make way for a massive extension to the shopping centre.



The town's buses may eventually have a new home

County medical services rapped

COMPLAINTS about Northamptonshire's NHS medical services are among the highest of all NHS areas in England, according to a new statistics.

Figures by the Patients Association show that between April 2008 and March 2009 people made more than 860 complaints about general medical and dental treatment in the county.

Lincolnshire NHS Primary Care Trust headed the league table with more than 1,700 complaints followed by Surrey PCT and Hampshire PCT with 1,000. Northamptonshire was fifth highest.

Moya McVicar, a representative of Northamptonshire's patient watchdog LINK, said bosses at NHS Northamptonshire ought to sit up and take notice of what patients thought of the standard of treatment.

She said: "I think this is a wake-up call telling people that things have to improve. Now that people are feeling comfortable with making complaints because of the ease of doing it on the internet, they are not going to hold back."

The break down of the figures showed that a total of 712 complaints were made about general medical issues and 150 about dental treatment.

However there were no complaints by patients at all about GPs in the 12 month period.

NHS Northamptonshire said it encouraged justified complaints, to see where services could be improved.

Jan Norman, director of safeguarding for NHS Northamptonshire, said: "Identifying and learning from the individual experiences of patients enables us to make changes to our services and improve them. The number of complaints should also be placed in context, in an average day in Northamptonshire 13,900 people see their GP."



Councillor Bill Parker

Tax shortfall costs millions

A DROP in the number of people paying their council tax has left Northamptonshire County Council with a multi-million-pound funding gap.

Council chiefs have revealed the fall in council tax payments, combined with fewer new houses than expected being built over the past year, has left the authority taking in £2.5 million less than it predicted a year ago.

The council's finance chief, Councillor Bill Parker (*Con, Brambleside*) said the funding gap had appeared because of the way the recession hit both the

building trade and people's ability to pay their council tax on time.

He said: "We're collecting less money and there are fewer new houses being built than we expected, so it's a real double whammy for us.

"Over the past year, we've seen the building industry come to a virtual standstill because of the recession, so the number of new houses we expected to see built has been a lot less than we thought it would be.

"There's also less money being collected from taxpayers. Whether that's

due to the recession and people being made redundant, we don't know, but there has been a significant fall in the amount of money being collected."

The drop in cash being paid to the authority has meant the council's plans to put aside £3 million for a rainy day have had to be scrapped.

Councillor Parker said: "We were going to put £3 million into reserves, so we can't do that now. The whole situation puts both us under greater pressure and unfortunately the council tax payers who can pay."

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To Wales the watery way



Staff from the Longtown Outdoor Education Centre who have canoeing 150 miles from Northampton to Wales to raise money for the Hope Centre
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STAFF from the county council's Longtown Outdoor Education Centre have embarked on a 150-mile challenge that will see them canoeing from Northampton to Wales in seven days.

The group will paddle across England's inland waterways to raise money for Northampton Hope Centre, formerly the Northampton Soup Kitchen.

The outdoor enthusiasts donned their wet suits and braved snow flurries and cold weather as they set off for their epic challenge on Monday.

The trip comes 12 months after canoeists from Longtown, run by Northamptonshire County Council, took part in a shorter charity paddle from Herefordshire to Northampton.

It was on this journey that the head of the outdoor centre, Mike Fawcett, decided to raise money for Northampton Hope Centre after finding men sleeping rough under a bridge in severe weather conditions.

Mr Fawcett said: "We were paddling along the Grand Union Canal and came across some people sleeping rough under the canal bridge.

"It reminded us that there are people in Northamptonshire sleeping rough.

"It soon became clear that we could raise money for a worthwhile cause."

The team includes opera-

tions manager Lee Cave, of Rushden, trainee instructor Tom Sharpe, of Kingsthorpe, Northampton, and fundraiser Laurianne Mackenzie of Cogenhoe.

Mr Fawcett said the team had been well prepared for tough conditions. He added: "We will have to look out for each other on the River Avon as it is hazardous there."

The quest sees the team canoeing on the Grand Union Canal, River Avon, River Severn and Severn Estuary to reach their goal in Wales, amid typical wintry conditions.

On a visit to the charity Mr Fawcett discovered that two of the Hope Centre's clients were ex-service men.

Hope Centre spokeswoman Debbie Galton said the charity had seen an intake of ex-service men and women who were struggling to cope with the return to civilian life.

She said: "I think the causes for homelessness and social exclusion among ex-service men or women are the same as among any other group in society: mental health problems, childhood troubles, poverty, divorce, addiction and, increasingly, debt-related problems. But the transition from military to civilian life can trigger problems."

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Issues raised at drop-in event

POTHoles, anti-social behaviour and youth drinking were among the concerns raised at a residents' drop-in session in Northampton.

Representatives from the emergency services and the county council joined Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, and neighbourhood wardens at St James Community Centre on Saturday to hear from people living in the area about

pressing local issues. Organiser and Councillor Suresh Patel (*Con, St James*) hailed the event – which attracted more than 50 people – as a success.

He said: "This is the first time we've organised this and we've had a good response so far so hopefully it's something we can try on a regular basis. We have heard a lot of concerns we can take back and work on.

"Potholes is the number one issue at the moment but there is

also one area having a problem with drinking by young people."

Among those attending were 65-year-old David Finlay and Anwarul Momen, aged 40. As residents of Weedon Road they reported fears over safety from nearby Ross Road being used as a rat-run.

Mr Binley said: "I never expected crowds. If we have a few people who feel slightly more secure knowing we're looking into their problems we've done some good."

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A NORTHAMPTON millionaire has embarked on a lifelong dream to share his wealth among local causes.

Entrepreneur Matt Stockdale, owner of cleaning product company HomePride, stunned participants at a charity Sleep Out in St Giles Church yard, in the town centre, on Friday night, by appearing out of the blue and donating thousands of pounds.

He wrote a cheque for £5,300 for the hosting charities including CAN, the Hope Centre and YMCA – beating the total amount raised during last year's event.

Matt, 40, who grew up in Lings and is now based in Paulerspury, said: "I started out in life much like a lot of young people these charities look after.

"I grew up in a council flat and we had nothing. Just floorboards. There were times when homelessness was quite easily a possibility. Sometimes it just takes someone to come along and make a difference."

And he has vowed to continue giving to good causes for the rest of his life.

He said: "I always knew I'd be a millionaire. When I was 16, I had a dream – I'd become a millionaire, and for every million pounds I made, I was giving half away. I've been telling that story for decades, and now I'm doing it."



Matt sold HomePride, which had a turnover of £4 million, in a multi-million pound deal in December. And he's already identifying local people to help. His giving will focus on the cost of heating, and making it affordable for all.

He is currently founding a group of businesses – The Stockdale Group – which will be obligated to give 50 per cent of all earnings to good causes "for generations to come".

He added: "There are a lot of wealthy people out there, and I want to appeal to them: If you gave half your money away, would your life really change?"

He said he was determined to

inspire others like him to give to those in need. He added: "I may be a single voice, but I shout very loudly. I'm hoping to make some real, lasting change."

Kate Gelder, fundraising development manager for Northamptonshire YMCA, said of Friday's surprise donation: "I went weak at the knees. People have been asking to see the cheque, because they can't believe it until they see it. We're very grateful."

Michael Ellis, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Northampton North, who participated in the sleep out and invited Matt along, said: "This is just the kind of social justice project I'm interested in supporting."

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Market Square music in pipeline

THE Market Square in Northampton may be taking a leaf from the streets of the North Korean capital by gently playing piped music to cheer people up.

In a move bearing eerie similarities to what goes on in Pyongyang, traders in Northampton are now being cheered up by Market Square bosses who have started piping music to their stalls.

Northampton Borough Council is using its licence to hold events on the Market Square to allow it to play tunes over its tannoy system.

Councillor Trini Crake (*Lib Dem, Boughton Green*), who is the cabinet member responsible for the Market Square operations, said: "The market traders have a lovely community spirit and when they're feeling a bit cold or tired, listening to music really lifts their spirits."

"Seeing as we have the correct entertainment license for the area I think it's lovely and cheerful that traders have requested this service."

The idea briefly came to life

last Christmas, but sprung back into life last week during a particularly cold and gloomy day.

Councillor Crake said: "Usually a few people telephone the market office to ask for a CD to be put on and they then choose something jolly and inoffensive for the traders and the people of the town to enjoy for an hour or two."

"No music had been requested and played since the Christmas carols in December but it was on a particularly grey day this week."

The council playlist so far is limited to pan pipes and a spot of 1970s music, but traders have said they are now in the market for something a bit more up-tempo.

World-weary trader

Eamon Fitzpatrick, who runs a fruit and vegetable stall, in the Market Square, said: "It's a bit annoying when I have to raise my voice above the tannoy, but it's not a bad idea to get us all going."

And he added: "Personally, I'd choose something sing-along like you hear in the pubs such as The Pogues. Call me cynical but I like Dirty Old Town."



'When do the cymbals come in?' Trader Eamon Fitzpatrick prepares for Market Square, the musical

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Lynne Smith who is leaving her job at the *Chron* to help run the fan club for her son, Dr Who star Matt Smith

Time for Lynne to make move

DOCTOR Who's mum will become the Time Lord's latest assistant after deciding to move on from her job at the *Chron* after 13 years.

Great Billing resident Lynne Smith began work in the *Chron*'s advertising department in 1997 before moving on to work for the newspaper's glossy magazine, *Image*.

But after her actor son, Matt, landed the role of Doctor Who, she decided the time was right to fulfil her dream of opening her own women's accessories shop, while also running Matt's fan club.

And despite him only appearing in the hit show for a minute so far, Lynne is already being inundated with fan mail for Matt.

She said: "With all the Doctor Who stuff, Matt really needed somebody to run his fan club, so I thought what better than to keep it in the family, because nobody else is going to do it like me."

"I think everybody who

writes in should get an autograph, because he needs his fans. And already, we've had loads of stuff coming in."

"From the day he was first announced as the new Doctor, people have been writing to him from all over the world."

"We've had stuff come from Australia where somebody sent him a T-shirt with a Matt Smith logo on it and he's had hundreds of Christmas cards, birthday cards, all sorts of things."

At the moment, the BBC and Royal Mail are working together to manage the flow of fan mail to Lynne, but even before Matt's first series as the Doctor has started, she is receiving a large crate of post every week.

To celebrate her new job, Lynne's colleagues at the *Chron* threw her a lavish party where she was inundated with cards and gifts.

She said: "I've absolutely loved my time working on the *Chron* and *Image*."

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Blacks is seeking backing

NORTHAMPTON-BASED outdoor retail chain, Blacks Leisure, has asked City investors for more than £20m to help fund a major overhaul and expansion of its business.

The company, which operates the Millets chain as well as its own brand shops, is planning up to 35 new stores and the refurbishment of existing sites.

Bosses claimed the move was part of the "crucial growth phase" of the group's recovery, after a deal with landlords in November helped secure its future.

Chief executive Neil Gillis said the company's recovery plan meant it was now in a stronger position than it had been for a number of years.

His confidence was fuelled by recent trading after like-for-like sales improved 15.2 per cent in the six weeks to January 7, fuelled largely by the country's extended cold snap over the Christmas and New Year period.

In the period from August 29 to January 7, the group

saw a 12 per cent increase in same-store sales, supported by a 13.1 per cent rise for its outdoor division, although the group's small boardwear chain experienced a like-for-like decrease of 4.4 per cent.

The most recent sales figures followed a restructuring programme and the closure of 87 loss-making stores in the fourth quarter of 2009.

In the six months to August, Blacks suffered pre-tax losses of £18.1m, up from £6.7m a year earlier, as its boardwear division and under-performing Blacks and Millets stores dragged the group down.

The firm's expansion plan includes re-opening shops in areas where the company had previously closed them, especially those which had strong sales and where it was felt high rents may have been a factor in them being loss-making.

The fundraising will pay for the refurbishment of current stores, which Blacks said had suffered from years of under-investment. The project will be financed through the placing and open offer of new shares, which will generate net proceeds of £20.3m.



Northampton-based Blacks Leisure has turned to investors to back an overhaul and expansion of the business

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Hopping to save bunnies

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Animals in Need is struggling to find homes for the animals, which range in size from tiny eight-week-old Netherland dwarf babies to 7kg continental giants.

Two of the rabbits were found dumped in a box in Shelfleys Park, East Hunsbury, Northampton, one was rescued from a building site and others were picked up after their owners put them on Freecycle.

Annette Marriott, centre manager, said: "We have rabbits pouring in for some reason. We're having to build extra hutches in the garden to keep them in."

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MATURE young looking widow, active, many interests, seeks well educated, tall, retired gent for relationship. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

LADY 42, tired of being alone, don't want to be seen but not again. Honest, trustworthy and good listener seeking someone special. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

CHRISTIAN female, 40, graduate, petite, 5ft, brown hair, likes cinema, walks, reads, church, seeks male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

FT blonde female, 53, brown hair, GSC/H, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

LESLIE 32, outgoing, fun loving, lives nights out, DVD's, seeks similar male. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

LOVING caring female, truthful, honest, seeks similar male for relationship. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

MARGARET petite, N/S, Irish, quiet, easygoing, dark hair, seeks genuine male for cuddles, holidays and sharing life. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

ATTRACTIVE widow, well educated, seeks tall gent for dating, travel, theatre, etc leading to a serious relationship. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

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ATTRACTIVE slim female, young 40, likes reading, camping, history, seeks genuine, attractive male, 38-40 for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

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WIDOW easygoing, GSC/H, seeks male for friendship/relationship. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

LADY 54, seeks genuine N/S male, 50-60 for friendship, meals out, holidays and outings. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

GENTLE female, 42, slim, N/S, loyal, kind, animal lover, tattooed, pierced, likes nights in/out, seeks genuine male. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

LADY 40, blonde, blue eyes, likes nights out, dancing, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

JANET 40, Aquarius, kind, caring, she, likes everything, seeks male, 45 plus with GSC/H for friendship, fun and possible LTR. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

54YR old female, 5ft 7ins, GSC/H, seeks nice guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel: 0905 546 2700 Box No: 328577

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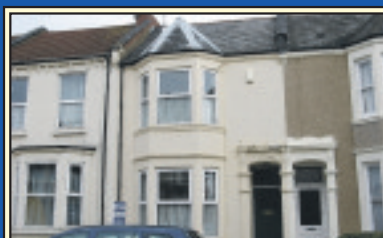
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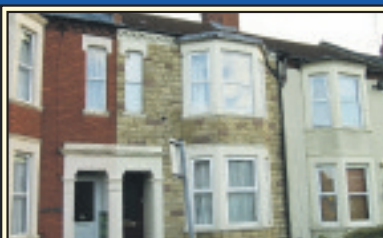
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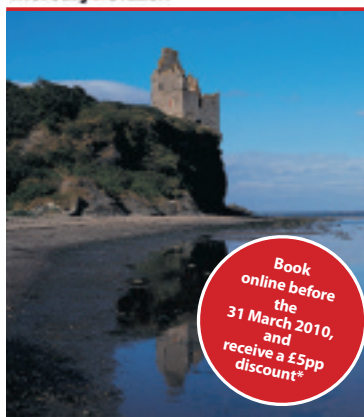


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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

Home Delivery Network Ltd of Fallows Way, Whiston, Merseyside L35 1RZ is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep 24 goods vehicles and 9 trailers at 11 Kilvey Road Brackmills Industrial Estate Northampton NN4 7BQ.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Eastern Traffic Area Hill Crest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

Billing Aquadrome Limited hereby gives notice that an application was made to the Northampton Borough Council on 4th February 2010 for the grant of a Premises Licence to operate premises called The Events Building, Billing Aquadrome, Crow Lane, Great Billing, Northampton NN3 9DA for the following licensable activities:- the provision of regulated entertainment and entertainment facilities between the hours of 7.30 to 01.00 Sunday to Thursday and 7.30 to 03.00 Friday and Saturday, late night refreshment for the same hours and the sale of alcohol between the hours of 10.00 to 01.00 Sunday to Thursday and 10.00 to 03.00 Friday and Saturday. Full details of the proposals are stated on the full application, which may be inspected at Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton free of charge during office hours. Any interested party or responsible authority may make written representations within 28 consecutive days of the application date. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and a person may be liable to a fine on summary conviction of up to £5,000. Dated 4th February 2010. DFA Law LLP, 2 Waterside Way Northampton NN4 7XD (Ref RDJF.83272.48) Solicitor for the Applicant

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

ONE STOP STORES LIMITED is applying for the New Grant of a Premises Licence for New Premises (A Convenience Store) to be constructed at: St Crispins Local Centre, Kent Road, Duston, Northamptonshire, NN5 4BX.

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STORE OPENING HOURS: SAME AS ABOVE

Any person wishing to oppose the application may do so in writing to Phil Bayliss, Licensing Officer, Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE. Tele No: 01604 838545, Fax No: 01604 838723. Email: licensing@northampton.gov.uk.

Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice. The last date for representations being 08/03/10

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Authority at the above address and can be viewed Monday to Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm & 9.00am to 4.30pm on Fridays, except Bank Holidays.

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Notice dated: 8th February 2010

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

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18th Birthday



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Jacob WELSH

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SARAH BOIARDI

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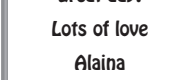
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Mim, Dad, Beth, Dom, Dan, Kelly & Gracie
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Kayla WHELLER

Happy 21st Birthday babe.
Hope you have a great day.

Lots of love
Alaina
XOXO



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Vera would like to thank all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for all the lovely cards, flowers and donations she received in her sad loss. Special thanks to Peter, Dorothy and Don, the Paramedics who attended Fred on Saturday 2nd of January. Special thanks to Lisa Brand and The Co-operative Funeral Care for all their kindness and understanding. Last but by no means least everyone who attended the lovely Service given by the Reverend Malcom Deacon. Many, many thanks.

KNIGHT Richard

Norma would like to thank most sincerely all Relatives, Friends & Neighbours for the many cards, letters and kind words of sympathy and donations. Thank you to Friends of Cynthia Spencer Hospice for looking after Richards short stay. A big thank you to Derek and Sue for all the help they gave me, also Reggie. Special thanks to the Reverend J. Evans for the lovely service and Paul Hollowell of B.Hollowell & Son for his kind support and help at this sad time.

PATRICIA CROFTS

Penny, David and Stephanie would like to thank all family, friends and former colleagues who attended Pat's Memorial Service, for their kind words and donations to the Camrose Toy Library, to Reverend Jeff Waters for his comforting words and Richard Finch and Sons for the excellent Funeral Arrangements. Pat will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

"Let the children play."

ROKE

Susan and Sandra would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards and flowers received on the sad loss of their Mum. Thanks also to the Reverend Ian Holdsworth for the lovely service and special thanks to Richard and Adam Finch for their kindness and understanding at this sad time.

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The family of the late Michael wish to thank all Family and Friends for their sympathy and Mass cards on their recent bereavement

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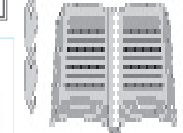


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Your loving twin Sister Evey, Jim, Helen & Steph.

BROCK Rachel

Passed away 6th February 2009
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The MPV or Multi-Purpose Vehicle has become big business in today's car market. More than any other category of car, they're fashioned specifically around the needs of the family and they've proven popular enough to prompt most of the big car brands to dip at least one toe in the water. Peugeot has had MPVs but compared to its mainstream rivals, it's always appeared strangely reticent when it came to expanding its people carrier offering, especially in the profitable compact MPV sector.

The 5008 is part of a more concerted effort on Peugeot's part to tap into a market where many felt it should have been all along. Based on Citroen's Grand C4 Picasso, it gets off to a promising start.

A familiar crop of engines power the 5008 in a range that leans heavily on Peugeot's impressive HDi diesels. The 1.6-litre HDi has 110bhp and is offered with a choice of six-speed manual or the 6-speed robotised automatic. With the 2.0-litre HDi, there's a conventional automatic option supplementing the manual but the two gearboxes come with different power outputs. Manual customers have to make do with 150bhp while the auto model's engine is upgraded to 163bhp. On the petrol front, there's a 1.6-litre VTi unit with 120bhp or the 156bhp 1.6-litre THP which uses a turbocharger to boost performance.

Some of Peugeot's recent efforts have been



hit and miss from a styling perspective, the main bone of contention being the enormous front air-intake that the marque insisted on applying to all its new models for a while. The 5008 departs from this controversial theme with a more conservative and classy look that should appeal to a wider audience. Huge front light clusters sweep back up the sides of the bonnet and the chrome bar that splits the horizontal grille is mirrored by three more that run across the trio of air-intakes below.

There are three trim levels for 5008 – Active, Sport and Exclusive – that all feature

the characteristic Multiflex interior with seven seats. Standard across the range are ESP (Electronic Stability Programme), an automatic electric parking brake with Hill Assist, Energy Saver tyres and air conditioning. The mid-range 5008 Sport models that most will choose are equipped with 17" alloy wheels, the Aluminium pack (trim for front grille, front fog lights and chrome detailing), cruise control with speed limiter, a lighting pack with removable torch, a Storage pack (under seat and footwell storage), a colour coded exterior and front fog lights.

Citroen's diesel engines do a grand job

in terms of fuel economy. The 1.6-litre HDi manual car returns 52.3mpg and 143g/km emissions but the star performer is the model using that engine and the robotised self-shifting gearbox. This 5008 gets over 54mpg on the combined cycle and emits just 135g/km. Both of the petrol engines and the 2.0-litre HDi diesels are compliant with Euro5 emissions standards and all of the diesel engines are fitted with the FAP diesel particulate filter.

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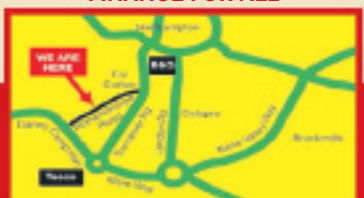
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By Christopher Goodfellow

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Training to be a childminder was about being able to care for her son and change her career: "Now

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"There's also a big thing about culture at the moment, tasting things from different countries, going to different festivals, and things like that," she said.

Retraining can help jobseekers change the course of their careers and their lives, and home study courses mean they can learn a new skill around their existing commitments. The Home Learning College offers a wide variety of courses from accountancy to psychology, via its virtual campus and one-on-one contact with tutors.

Dave Snow, the college's Academic Director, said that although the average age of students is 25 to 45 years old, they recently had a 13-year-old enrol on a bookkeeping course and there are many retired learners.

Training can provide an opportunity for jobseekers to return to work after a career gap. Philippa Green ended up working as a self-employed web designer after being out of work for several months. Green took a

course in Adobe Dreamweaver and Flash, learning to build web sites.

"I breed dogs as a hobby and wanted to have my own website, but rather than paying someone else to build it for me I decided

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Murray to return
EUAN MURRAY has been recalled to the Scotland team to face Wales this weekend after sitting out last Sunday's loss to France



Top boss
COBBLERS boss Ian Sampson was named the Coca-Cola League Two manager of the month for January



Sampson wants more from Town

IAN SAMPSON classed Tuesday night's rampant win over Accrington Stanley as the best since he took charge of the Cobblers.

But the Town manager has warned his players he does not expect this to be the last great performance of the current campaign.

Billy McKay scored twice to go with strikes for Adebayo Akinfenwa and Luke Guttridge in a glittering 4-0 win over a Stanley side who simply did not turn up.

It might have been more too, with visiting keeper Dean Bouzanis denying Stephen O'Flynn from point-blank range and making a fine double save from Liam Davis in the final 10 minutes.

Stanley only had one shot on target in the 90 minutes as the Town defence again held firm to record another shut-out.

All of which led Sampson to the verdict that this was the most complete performance his side has produced under his guidance.

"I think in terms of the way we kept hold of the ball and kept possession and the goals we got, it was the best performance since I've been here," said the boss, who was named manager of the month for January and who has made a flying start to February.

"How we played against Macclesfield was close and even the Chesterfield game

I thought we did okay but didn't have any end product.

"In terms of a complete performance and everyone doing a job then that probably was the one but I want more than one."

The balance was just right at Sixfields on Tuesday night with Kevin Thornton sparkling on a full debut on the right wing.

The former Coventry City schemer linked up with Guttridge - who found himself on the left in an interesting tactical switch by the manager - in a midfield where regulars Ryan Gilligan and Abdul Osman did the dirty work. It was a ploy that, Sampson felt, worked to perfection.

"We've been trying to get them in training to have an extra touch and take their time on the ball, be brave with it," he said.

"The two central midfielders had to do a specific job with the two flair players we had in there as well and I thought they did brilliantly."

"Luke Guttridge and Kevin Thornton were good with the football throughout and we want players like that who are going to be brave when they've got it."

The Cobblers, who are now up to eighth in the Coca-Cola League Two table, will be hoping to build on Tuesday's win when they entertain Aldershot at Sixfields tomorrow night (ko 7.45pm).



PICTURE: KELLY COOPER

WELL DONE MATE - Billy McKay congratulates Luke Guttridge after the little midfielder had scored the Cobblers' fourth goal in their rout of Accrington on Tuesday

Aussies tracking Saint Gray

SAINTS flanker Scott Gray is reportedly on new Super 15 franchise Melbourne Rebels' wanted list.

The Rebels have been given special dispensation by the Australian Rugby Union to sign up foreigners for their Super 15 debut in 2011.

Melbourne have recruited former Bath coach John Connelly to scour Europe for possible targets and Gray is on his list of potential signings.

Gray's contract is due to expire at the end of the season after Saints snapped up the 31-year-old from National League One outfit Doncaster in April 2008. Melbourne seemed to be after anybody with an Australian connection and Grays is that he moved to Australia from Zimbabwe as an 18-year-old, winning a development contract with ACT Brumbies before switching codes to rugby league and the Brisbane Broncos.

Gray, who has a Scottish father, has won eight Scotland caps, but has found himself in the Wanderers for much of this season, making 13 appearances mainly as a replacement. Connelly says he is due to start talking terms with potential signings at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, Brett Sharman has signed a new contract with the club. The 23-year-old hooker joined Saints from South African outfit Blue Bulls in November 2008 and qualifies for England thanks to his grandparents.

Director of rugby Jim Mallinder says that Sharman remains a promising talent whose best is yet to come.

"At just 23 he is still young in terms of front row forwards," said Mallinder. "And as he gets more experience in the Guinness Premiership and Heineken Cup under his belt he will only get better."

The Saints, who booked a home semi-final against Saracens in the LV= Cup with a win over Leicester last weekend, are back in Guinness Premiership action on Saturday when they host Newcastle Falcons at Franklin's Gardens (ko 3pm).

They will be without England pair Dylan Hartley and Ben Foden, but Chris Ashton is available.



Raising the participation age

From 2013 all young people will have to stay in some form of education or training until the age of 17, and from 2015 until the age of 18.

The government believes that only by raising the participation age will young people gain the skills and qualifications they need to build their own future and to ensure the country's economic and social prosperity. To prepare for this fundamental change collaboration is crucial. Already in Northamptonshire schools, colleges, employers, Connexions advisers and the local authority are working together to coordinate a wide array of education and training options for young people and to provide the kinds of support they and their families need to choose the right pathway.

The main learning pathways are:

- **GCSE and A and AS levels** are subject based qualifications. They are mostly classroom based with a mix of theory and subject based investigations. Five GCSEs (grade A* to C) or other level 2 qualification are usually needed to go on to AS and A levels.

- **Foundation, Higher or Advanced Diplomas** have been designed in partnership with employers and universities and can lead on to further study or work. They are a mix of classroom learning, practical hands-on experience and project work. As of September 2010, Diplomas in ten occupational sector areas are available in selected schools across the county.

Foundation Learning

A national programme mainly for students at entry level or level 1, taken either at school or college. It covers vocational or subject learning that includes skills for work and personal development.

Employment with Training

At 16 a young person can take a job, but ideally should continue to develop skills by taking a course leading to a nationally recognised qualification. After the participation age is raised in 2013 all young people taking up work at 16 will continue learning part-time for an accredited qualification.

Confused? Help is at hand

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Clare Malings, Connexions Personal Adviser said: "I give information and advice to help young people with education, careers, training and employment. I help young people understand and make sense of all the different options available now and in the future and ensure they make the right choice for them. Some young people have personal development or life issues such as money or confidence, and I work with them to overcome these barriers to prevent them from dropping out of education, employment or training. It is also important that parents and carers understand the many different options and I often talk with them at option evenings at school. We also provide a range of information resources to help them support their teenagers."

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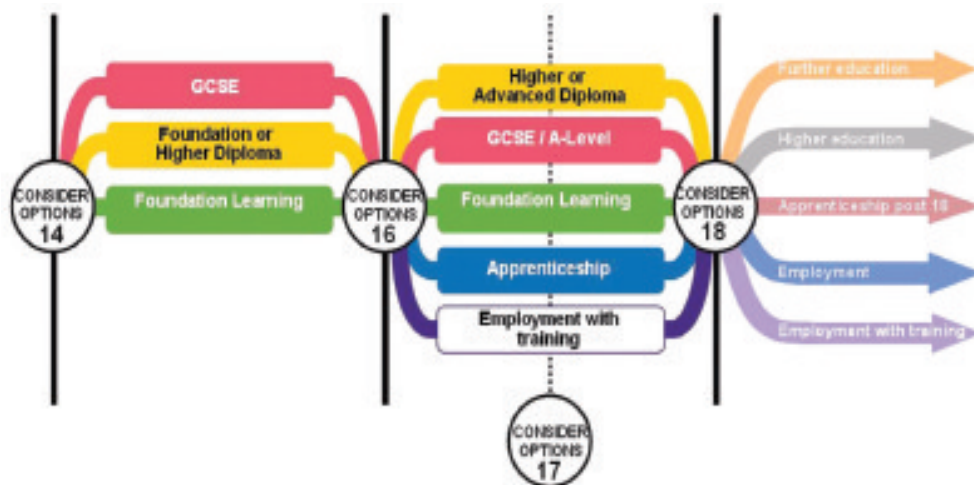
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"It was great to hear (very) positive comments from every employer I visited!"

Teacher at The Northampton Academy

The Chartered Institute of logistics and Transport (CILT) employed their first Apprentice in 2003 and continues to see impressive results from the programme. Currently employing seven apprentices the scheme sits at the heart of staff development. Lesley Parker said 'We believe it is significant that none of our apprentices have left the company. This has given us a clear reduction in costs as recruitment and staff training are both costly activities in terms of money and time.'

The main options and pathways for 14-19 year old



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- There are progression opportunities into Higher Education

As an employer

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- Many employers have also given up their time to support their local schools and colleges by sharing their industry knowledge with students.

Kerry added: 'The employers that have been involved in some of these areas have found this experience to be very rewarding and fulfilling. Not only have they put something back into their community and helped young people make better informed decisions but also found their own staff enthused and motivated at the same time'

Thank you employers!!

Connexions would like to thank the many employers that have made a difference and invite new employers to take up the challenge. See below for more details.

HOW CAN EMPLOYERS GET INVOLVED?

Employers can support young people in whatever option they choose in a variety of ways.

IN THE WORKPLACE

Curriculum-linked workplace visits

Could you offer the opportunity for a group of students to visit your work place?

Work shadowing

Could you offer an opportunity for a learner to visit your work place and work with one or more members of staff?

Work Experience

Could you offer the opportunity for a young person to work within your company on a block or extended basis?

Work tasters

Could you help with taster sessions to provide an insight into the world of work?

Professional development placements

Could you offer a member of staff from a learning provider the opportunity to work with you and update/learn about your industry?

Equipment and resources

Could you provide students with the opportunity to use your equipment and/or provide resources?

Apprenticeships

Could you offer an apprenticeship to a young person or support a young apprenticeship with work experience?

IN SCHOOL

Enterprise education

Could you help young people to develop their enterprise skills and understand the world of business?

World of work events / Industry days

Could you get involved in activity days and/or present case studies based on your own experience?

Projects/challenges

Could you set a project or challenge for the students to do in the classroom environment?

Mock interviews

Could you go into schools and interview students to give them an insight into the interview process?

Professional Coaches

Could you be a coach to a head teacher or principal?

Visiting expert

Could you get involved as a teacher to offer your specialist skills and knowledge in the classroom?

Careers conventions

Could you get involved with other employers and represent your career/industry?

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Presenting awards

Could you attend an awards ceremony and present an award?

Gifted and talented

Could you support a learner who has been identified as gifted and talented to reach their potential?

Financial sponsorship

Could you offer sponsorship for specific projects?

School governor

Would you like to become a school governor?

EMPLOY A YOUNG PERSON?

Young people can bring enthusiasm, motivation, new creative ideas and a different perspective to their employers

Please contact me regarding the FREE vacancy service

Have us advertise your vacancy and match it to a pool of suitable candidates for FREE

Please contact me about Apprenticeships

The government will fund apprenticeships for 16-18 year olds

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or visit www.4you2.org.uk/workrelatedlearning

USEFUL LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

National Apprenticeship Service www.apprenticeships.org.uk

Direct Gov www.direct.gov.uk/diplomas

Connexions Northamptonshire www.4you2.org.uk and
www.jobs4you2.org.uk

Northamptonshire Online Prospectus www.xplore.uk.com

DSCF www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/

QCA www.qca.org.uk/14-19/

Aim Higher www.aimhighernorthamptonshire.ac.uk